

Risk Assessment – Self-Guided Trail

Trail name: Burnley Rivers – The Brun Trail	Completed by: Stuart Marshall, North by Northwest Limited	Date: 13/12/14
<p>Trail brief description: A self-guided trail which follows the course of the river Brun from Thompson Park through the Brun Valley Forest Park. The trail is on a mix of hard-surfaced footpaths and gravel paths. There are some short sections along lanes where there is no footpath – these are highlighted in the specific risks section below. There is one short flight of steps but this can be avoided by taking an alternative route.</p>		

GENERAL RISKS ASSESSED

Area of concern	Potential Hazard	Possible harmful effect to whom?	What existing control measures are in place to reduce risk?	Risk level	Action By
Severe weather, i.e. high winds, heavy rain, snow, heatwave	Lack of shelter	Injury to participants or property, hypothermia, dehydration, exposure to sun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants should be asked in advance to wear appropriate clothing Participants asked to be aware of their surroundings Watch weather forecast in advance Review event taking place, if necessary 	Low	Leader in Charge
Walking around locations	Slip, trip or fall on uneven ground, tree roots and/or uneven pavements	Injury to participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail booklet highlights any uneven surfaces and informs participants to keep to pavements and recognised footpaths where possible Participants to be told before starting the trail to use recognised footpaths and pavement where possible Participants to be told in advance to wear suitable/ good footwear Participants to always move in groups so no one is travelling on their own in case of accident 	Medium	Trail writer Participants and Leader in Charge
Walking around venues and locations	Slip, trip or fall up or down steps including when using subway passages	Injury to participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail booklet informs participants to take care going up and down steps at the appropriate points in the trail Participants to be advised before starting the trail to take care in case steps are icy or slippery due to weather conditions Participants told in advance to wear suitable/ good footwear Participants to always move in groups so no one is travelling on their own in case of accident 	Medium	Trail writer Leader in Charge

Missing/ lost participant	Someone gets lost or separated from the group	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail booklet informs participants to stay together as a group and to agree on an emergency rendezvous point before starting Leader in Charge aware approximately where their participants are and when should be arriving back at their specified meeting point Participants advised before starting the trail to remain with their group at all times and must not split up 	Low	Trail writer Leader in Charge
First aid requirements	From minor injuries, feeling unwell to heart attack/ stroke/ severe pain or illness	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants advised to contact Leader in Charge using an emergency phone number if a participant decides not to continue with the trail Participants to call 111 or 999 in emergency 	Low	Participants
Walking close to and exploring natural features, trees, flowers	Exposure to stinging and thorny plants, stinging and biting animals and insects	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure any allergies are made known to the Leader in Charge and actions to take in case of reaction are known Appropriate vigilance to avoid injury Avoid approaching dogs or wildlife without appropriate supervision 	Medium	Leader in Charge
Crossing roads and other obstacles whilst looking for clues	<p>Moving vehicles including cars, cyclists, skateboarders, skaters etc.</p> <p>Stationary obstacles including lamp posts, street furniture, buildings etc.</p>	Participants knocked down or injured by moving or stationary obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail booklet contains a message at the start about the potential hazards associated with crossing roads Trail booklet informs participants to cross safely and directs them to pedestrian crossings wherever available Advise participants before starting the trail to be aware of other road and footpath users Remind participants before starting the trail of the hazards of crossing roads around the town centre Remind participants prior to starting the trail to cross at pedestrian crossings wherever possible Advise participants to check the direction of the traffic especially along one way streets If footpaths are closed due to road works participants to walk in single file along road until safe to cross or to re-join the pavement Remind participants before starting the trail of care required when searching for clues both to avoid endangering themselves and others 	Medium	Trail writer Leader in Charge
Walking close to water features and fountains on route	Immersion in the river, pond or other water feature	Drowning and/or exposure of participants to pollution or	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn Participants before starting the trail to take care especially near water and to remain within correct boundaries, following footpaths If any pollutant is detected halt activity and report to 	Low	Leader in Charge

		Leptospirosis (disease from the urine of rats)	Environment Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect cuts and broken skin and wash hands before eating or drinking 		
Valuables	Lost or stolen	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind participants before the starting the trail of responsibly using their phones, purses and cameras and to replace back in zipped bags after use when walking around the town centre 	Medium	Leader in Charge
Participant or group fail to arrive at designated times at end of session	Participants are lost	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest one mobile number per team to be noted in advance of activity for emergency contact purposes 	Medium	Leader in Charge

SPECIFIC RISKS ASSESSED

Area of concern	Risk Level	Control measure (in addition to the general warnings detailed above)
Crossing roads at the following numbered points along the trail: 18 crossing the road from the bridge to the pond	Low	Participants are instructed to cross safely when it is safe to do to so.
Tripping or slipping on slippery steps and surfaces at the following numbered points along the trail: 14 riverside path	Low	An alternative route is provided via the gravel path should the riverside path be muddy.
Walking along roads with no pavements at the following points along the trail: 12 walking alongside Netherwood Road – grass path 14 walking alongside Netherwood Road 16 walking alongside Netherwood Road 18 walking alongside Netherwood Road 20 walking alongside Netherwood Road	Low Low Low Low Low	Participants are instructed to walk on the grass at the side of the road Participants are instructed to keep to the right hand side of the road. Participants are instructed to take care along the road. - -